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**Mrs. Ann  
Harrington Nelson**

Mrs. Ann Harrington Nelson, 91, died Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in the Jesse Helms Nursing Center in Monroe.

A private graveside funeral services was held Sunday, June 1, 2014, at Anson Memorial Park, conducted by Dr. Allen Laymon.

# Obituaries

Ann was born in Anson County on June 3, 1922, a daughter of the late Jonah and Ruth Hill Harrington. She worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company and retired as a PBX training supervisor. She was a hard worker, loving wife and wonderful sister to our mother, Mabel, brothers Eugene and Vernon and her other sister, Avis. Aunt Ann travelled the world with much excitement, enjoyed life-long friends and lived most of her life in Greenville and Columbia, SC before moving back home to Wadesboro. We will miss her love and concern for my brother and myself, always wanting the best for her "boys." You were always in our lives for all major events, Christmas being a favorite time in our memory. Never shy with her opinion, we always knew where she stood and we raise a glass to your life and your providence.

In addition to her parents, Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Ludie Nelson; siblings, Eugene Harrington,

Avis Harrington Smethe, Vernon Harrington and Mabel Harrington Horne.

Survivors are her nieces and nephews, Bill Smethe (Mary Katherine) of Harrington Park, NJ, Barbara Smethe Griffin (Bennett) of Columbia, SC, Becky Smethe Darling (Pete) of Warner, NH, and Alan and Michael Horne of Wadesboro.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 East Morgan Street, Wadesboro NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mr. Jimmy  
Lester Ratliff**

Mr. Jimmy Lester Ratliff, 42, died Monday, June 9, 2014.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 13, 2014, at Oakdale Baptist Church in Peachland with Rev. Tracy Hickson and Rev. Dennis Underwood officiating.

Jimmy was born in Union County on December 9, 1971, a son of the late

Lester Ratliff, Jr. and Faye Underwood Ratliff Stroud. He was employed with Mechanical Advantage in Marshville as a Project Manager and was a true Harley Davidson man with a love for riding.

Surviving are his wife, Renee Cooke Ratliff of the home; his daughters, Harley Renee Ratliff and Hailey Lynn Ratliff, both of the home; his sisters, Sheri Edwards (Michael) of Chesterfield and Christie Sampson (Bob) of Peachland; three nephews and two nieces; his mother-in-law, Jennie Cooke of Troy; father-in-law, J. W. Cooke of Mt. Gilead; sister-in-law, Tammy Simmons (Ernest) of Troy; and beloved pets, Tiley, Gizmo, Maci and Bootsie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandchild, Amberlyn Renee Mullis; and three nephews.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

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### Brittany Bennett Earned Degree in Nursing

Brittany M. Bennett, daughter of Samuel and Bernice Bennett, graduated Cum Laude from Winston Salem State University on December 13, 2013, with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing. She is employed at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem on the Trauma Unit.

Brittany is an active member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Chi Chi Beta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Rho Lambda Chapter and the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Brittany stated "I do believe that if it was not for my faith and trust in God, family, and good friends, I would not be where I am now. I am truly thankful."

### Carson Hill to Headline Benefit Concert Saturday



Anson County resident Carson Hill, country musician, singer and songwriter, will be performing at the Charles Mack Citizen Center Auditorium in Mooresville on Saturday, June 21. The concert will benefit Dove House Children's Advocacy Center, a non-profit organization that provides services for sexually abused children in Iredell and Alexander Counties. Doors open for the 7:30 p.m. concert at 7 p.m., and the show opens with Mooresville's Clyde Derby. The concert is being held in the Joe V. Knox Auditorium.

"This will be a family-friendly concert," said Jack Grossman, a Dove House volunteer. "You will be amazed at the talent Carson Hill and her band possess." Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at Big Hat Larry's Music Store on Main Street in Mooresville or by calling Dove House at 704-883-9814. Tickets may be available at the door depending on seating availability for the 235-seat auditorium.

16-year old Hill picked up a guitar when she was just 11 years old, and she learned by watching YouTube videos. She has since made a name for herself in North Carolina, and recently returned from a one-week stint in Nashville. After touring Dove House Children's Advocacy Center, Hill was excited to do what she can to help raise awareness and funds for Dove House. "I am excited about this concert and helping Dove House

and the children," said Hill. "This will be a great event and one that I'm really looking forward to!" A new guitar donated by Big Hat Larry's will be autographed by Hill and her band and raffled off with other great items. All net proceeds from the event benefit Dove House.

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